

fellow citizens toward that vision; and each shared a profound devotion to our country and to its promise of freedom and human dignity. Because of George Washington, America's great experiment in democracy has succeeded; because of Abraham Lincoln, America's Union has been preserved.

Now, as we stand at the dawn of a new century, we have a historic opportunity—and responsibility—to build on the legacies of Washington and Lincoln. Blessed with peace and unprecedented prosperity, we must seize this unique moment in our national life and shape a future where every American has the tools and the opportunity to succeed; where we finally understand that the dreams and ideals that unite us are more powerful than any differences that divide us; and where new generations of Americans can live in peace, prosperity, and freedom.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful celebration.

Bill Clinton

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 7

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Amman, Jordan, to attend funeral services for King Hussein I.

En route aboard Air Force One, the President met with former Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, and George Bush, concerning the Middle East, Kosovo, Russia, and North Korea.

February 8

During the day, in Amman, the President met separately with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman of Israel, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia, Prince Charles and Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, President Jacques Chirac of France, Queen Beatrix and

Prime Minister Wim Kok of The Netherlands, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan, Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi of Japan, Crown Prince Saad al-Sabah of Kuwait, King Juan Carlos I of Spain, and President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria. The President also met briefly with leaders of Oman, Yemen, and Bahrain.

In the evening, the President met with King Abdullah II of Jordan. Later in the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

February 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Wintergreen, VA, where he addressed members of the House Democratic caucus. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint James V. Kimsey, William F. Murdy, and Jude W.P. Patin to the U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe freeze on December 20–28, 1998.

The White House announced that the President invited Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany for an informal visit to the White House on February 11.

February 10

In the afternoon, the President traveled to College Park, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paula J. Dobriansky to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

February 11

In the afternoon, the President met with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rolland A. Schmitten to be U.S. Commissioner of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

The President announced the nomination of Leonard R. Page to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 8

Joseph Bordogna,
of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, vice Anne C. Petersen, resigned.

Anne Jeannette Udall,
of North Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2004 (reappointment).

Submitted February 10

Richard Holbrooke,
of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, vice Bill Richardson, resigned.

Richard Holbrooke,
of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Carl Schnee,
of Delaware, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware for the term of 4 years, vice Gregory M. Sleet, resigned.

Submitted February 11

Leonard R. Page,
of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of 4 years, vice Frederick L. Feinstein who was appointed to this position during the last recess of the Senate.

John C. Truesdale,
of Maryland, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2003, vice William B. Gould IV, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Submitted February 12

Naomi Reice Buchwald,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, vice Miriam G. Cedarbaum, retired.

G. Edward DeSeve,
of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, vice John A. Koskinen, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

David M. Hurd,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York, vice Con. G. Cholakis, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 6¹

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder and Treasury

¹ This item was made available on February 5 but was embargoed for release until 10:06 a.m. February 6.